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U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-00516-EGS

FREEDOM WATCH, INC. v. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan

Case: <u>1:13-cv-01363-EGS</u>

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/18/2016 Date Terminated: 08/28/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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| 03/18/2016 | 1 | COMPLAINT <i>pursuant to FOIA 5 USC 552</i> against STATE DEPARTMENT (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–4451017) filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 State Department designation of fax number for filing FOIA requests, # 2 Exhibit 2 FOIA request, # 3 Exhibit 3 Fax confirmation of FOIA request transmitted to Defendant on February 24, 2016, # 4 Civil Cover Sheet, # 5 Declaration Related Case Notice, # 6 Summons US State Department, # 7 Summons US Attorney General, # 8 Summons US Attorney for District of Columbia)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 03/18/2016) |
| 03/18/2016 | 2 | NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by FREEDOM WATCH, INC Case related to Case No. 13–cv–1363. (md) (Entered: 03/18/2016) |

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| 03/18/2016 | | Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (md) (Entered: 03/18/2016) |
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| 03/18/2016 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 03/18/2016) |
| 04/18/2016 | 4 | MOTION for Discovery <i>Consolidated with Discovery in Related Case</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Judge Lamberth's Order, # 2 Exhibit Judge Sullivan's Order, # 3 Exhibit Response of Department of State, # 4 Exhibit response of Judicial Watch, # 5 Exhibit Supplemental Response of Judicial Watch, # 6 Exhibit Judicial Watch's Proposed Discovery Plan)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 04/18/2016) |
| 04/18/2016 | <u>5</u> | NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by FREEDOM WATCH, INC Case related to Case No. 13–cv–1363 (EGS). (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Judge Lamberth's Order, # 2 Exhibit Judge Sullivan's Order, # 3 Exhibit Response of Department of State, # 4 Exhibit response of Judicial Watch, # 5 Exhibit Supplemental Response of Judicial Watch, # 6 Exhibit Judicial Watch's Proposed Discovery Plan)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 04/18/2016) |
| 04/25/2016 | <u>6</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>4</u> MOTION for Discovery <i>Consolidated with Discovery in Related Case and Motion to Stay</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lee, Jason) (Entered: 04/25/2016) |
| 04/25/2016 | 7 | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Lee, Jason) (Entered: 04/25/2016) |
| 04/25/2016 | 8 | MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (See Docket entry <u>6</u> to view document) (jf) (Entered: 04/26/2016) |
| 04/26/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER directing Plaintiff to file any reply to Defendant's Memorandum in Opposition no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on April 26, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 04/26/2016) |
| 04/26/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER directing Plaintiff to respond to Defendant's motion to stay no later than 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2016. Defendant shall file any reply no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2016. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on April 26, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 04/26/2016) |
| 04/26/2016 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Reply To Defendant's Memorandum in Opposition due on 4/27/2016 by 5:00pm. (mac) (Entered: 04/26/2016) |
| 04/26/2016 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Response To Defendant's Motion To Stay due on 4/29/2016 by 12:00pm. Defendant Reply due on 5/2/2016 by 5:00pm. (mac) (Entered: 04/26/2016) |
| 04/27/2016 | 9 | NOTICE of Related Case by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. re Order (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 04/27/2016) |
| 04/28/2016 | <u>10</u> | RESPONSE to Judicial Watch's Memorandum in Opposition to Discovery Consolidation in 13–cv–01363 filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Jury Verdict and Judgment, # 2 Exhibit Notice of Related Cases)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 04/28/2016) |
| 04/29/2016 | <u>11</u> | RESPONSE re 8 MOTION to Stay filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 04/29/2016) |
| 05/02/2016 | <u>12</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re 8 MOTION to Stay filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lee, Jason) (Entered: 05/02/2016) |
| 05/04/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER denying 4 Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate discovery and, for substantially the same reasons articulated by Defendant, granting 8 Defendant's Motion to Stay. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on May 4, 2016. (lcegs4) (Entered: 05/04/2016) |
| 07/11/2016 | <u>13</u> | MOTION for Discovery to Participate in Discovery by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 07/11/2016) |
| 07/12/2016 | <u>14</u> | ENTERED IN ERRORMOTION to Intervene for Freedom Watch to Participate in Discovery by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Klayman, Larry) Modified on 7/12/2016 (jf). (Entered: 07/12/2016) |

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| 07/12/2016 | | NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>14</u> MOTION to Intervene <i>for Freedom Watch to Participate in Discovery</i> was entered in error. (jf) (Entered: 07/12/2016) |
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| 07/28/2016 | <u>15</u> | RESPONSE re 13 MOTION for Discovery <i>to Participate in Discovery</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Lee, Jason) (Entered: 07/28/2016) |
| 08/29/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER. In view of the Court's Minute Order of May 4, 2016 STAYING this case pending the completion of discovery in Judicial Watch v. Dep't of State, Civil Action No. 13–1363, 13 motion to participate in discovery is DENIED given that discovery in Civil Action No. 13–1363 is not complete. See Marsh v. Johnson, 263 F. Supp 2d. 49, 52 (D.D.C. 2003). Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/29/2016. (lcegs1) (Entered: 08/29/2016) |
| 11/01/2016 | <u>16</u> | Emergency MOTION to Intervene <i>in case 13cv1363</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Klayman, Larry) Modified on 11/2/2016 (znmw). (Entered: 11/01/2016) |
| 11/01/2016 | <u>17</u> | Supplemental MOTION to Intervene <i>in case 13cv1363 (Addendum)</i> by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Klayman, Larry) Modified on 11/2/2016 (znmw). (Entered: 11/01/2016) |
| 11/02/2016 | | MINUTE ORDER denying <u>16</u> emergency motion to intervene in Civil Action No. 13–1363 and <u>17</u> supplemental motion. On August 29, 2016, the Court STAYED this case pending the completion of discovery in Judicial Watch v. Dep't of State, Civil Action No. 13–1363. Discovery in that case is ongoing and thus there is no reason the lift the stay. See Marsh v. Johnson, 263 F. Supp 2d. 49, 52 (D.D.C. 2003). Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/2/2016. (lcegs1) (Entered: 11/02/2016) |
| 08/01/2019 | | MINUTE ORDER. The parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than August 30, 2019, updating the Court as to whether further litigation will be necessary. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/1/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 08/01/2019) |
| 08/01/2019 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/30/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/01/2019) |
| 08/28/2019 | <u>18</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Stephen Ehrlich on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Jason Lee (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 08/28/2019) |
| 08/28/2019 | <u>19</u> | STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 08/28/2019) |